

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of
KITCHEN, et al.

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: Group Art Unit: 2162

Serial No. 09/867,587

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: Examiner: R. Alvarez

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: BILL AVAILABILITY NOTIFICATION AND BILLING INFORMATION
REQUEST

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner
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Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above referenced
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 34-38, 40-47, and 50-52 as follows:

34. A method for presenting billing information via a
network, comprising:
transmitting a notice according to an e-mail protocol,
via a network, indicating availability of billing information;